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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 258832 ACTION GENEVA AND MEXICO 31 OCT 75

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, BU

SUBJECT: BULGARIAN ENGINEER REQUESTING U.S. ASYLUM

REF: MEXICO 9546

1. DEPARTMENT MADE TWO SEPARATE REQUESTS FOR PAROLE POPOV FAMILY AT HIGHEST LEVELS INS. HOWEVER, INS UNWILLING EXERCISE PAROLE AUTHORITY HOLDING THAT POPOV'S MOTIVATIONS ARE PRIMARILS ECONOMIC IN NATURE. FURTHER MEXICO IS KNOWN TO HAVE GOOD RECORD IN ASYLUM ISSUES EVEN THOUGH NOT SIG-NATORY TO CONVENTION. NUMBER OF ARGUMENTS WERE ADVANCED COUNTER THIS VIEW WITHOUT SUCCESS.

2. ALTHOUGH UNWILLING CONSIDER PAROLE, INS DID NOT EXCLUDE APPLICATION OF POPOVS FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY IN A COUNTRY WHERE SUCH PROCESSING TAKES PLACE. FYI UNHCR HAS MADE
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ARRANGEMENT WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT FOR ADMISSION OF ASYLUM

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SEEKERS TO GREECE FOR PROCESSING FOR 7TH PREFERENCE. THEREFORE, IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES ANY DANGER OF FORCED RETURN OF POPOV FAMILY BY MEXICO TO CUBA OR BULGARIA, DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO FUND POPOV TRAVEL TO GREECE.

3. FOR GENEVA: YOU SHOULD DPSCUSS CASE WITH UNHCR ASKING THEM TO MAKE NECESSARY ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS INTO GREECE IF THIS BECOMES NECESSARY.
4. IF NECESSARY CHARGE ECONOMY CLASS FARE TO U.S. MISSION GENEVA APPROPRIATION 19-5/61143/ALLOTMENT 3278 OBLIGATION 24102 THROUGH FORM 477. ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND GENEVA EXACT COST.

5. NAME CHECKS REVEAL NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION.

6. EMBASSY MAY INTERVIEW POPOV IN MORE DEPTH TO DETER-MINE WHETHER ALL FACTS BEARING ON HIS ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE HAVE BEEN ELICITED. THESE SHOULD BE REPORTED AND DEPARTMENT WILL REOPEN PAROLE WITH INS. KISSINGER

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